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BY CHLOE CREAGER
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HIGHER EDUCATION

\$16.2 million cut statewide
2% of total funding

\$2.1 million from K-State

\$292,000 from KSU College of Veterinary Medicine

\$949,000 from Research and Extension

\$7.8 million from KDOT

\$95 million transferred from state highway fund to general fund

\$158 million cut statewide

TRANSPORTATION

PROJECTED DEFICIT FOR END OF FISCAL YEAR (JUNE 30): \$344 Million

Source: Kansas Office of the Governor

After Kansas' tax cuts resulted in the state losing almost one-third of its necessary revenue, budget cuts have been made in order to fill the \$344 million budget deficit projected by the Kansas Division of the Budget for the June 30 end of the 2015 fiscal year.

Although numbers are not official for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, significant cuts are going to be made in many areas.

According to the Division of the Budget, the Department of Education (which oversees K-12 public schools) is facing a 1.5 percent cut in funding for the end of the 2015 fiscal year. The cuts for K-12 education total \$28.3 million statewide, while higher education funding is being cut by 2 percent to help make up \$16.2 million of the deficit.

Cuts to Manhattan schools total \$319,705, while K-State lost \$2.1 million in state funding for the university: \$292,000 for the K-State College of Veterinary Medicine and \$949,000 for Research and Extension, according to Sen. Tom Hawk, D-Clay, Geary and Riley County.

Additionally, the school funding formula – which is currently designed to provide extra funding to schools in poorer counties – is changing into a simpler block-form funding.

"One of the arguments is the school finance formula is too complicated, but it takes into account parts like costs of longer-distance busing, numbers of at-risk kids, special education and gifted kids, and college prep courses," Hawk said.

"There are lots of factors in that formula that take into account how to educate fairly. I don't know how the Governor (Sam Brownback) plans to justify (removing those factors)."

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"BUDGET"

EDUCATION

\$28.3 million cut statewide
1.5% of total K-12 funding

\$319,705 from Manhattan schools

AGRICULTURE

\$199,668 cut
4% of FY 2015 budget

Senate Bill 178 (if passed) could potentially increase property taxes by **\$200 million** statewide

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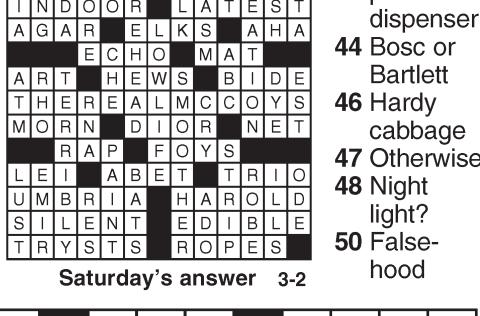


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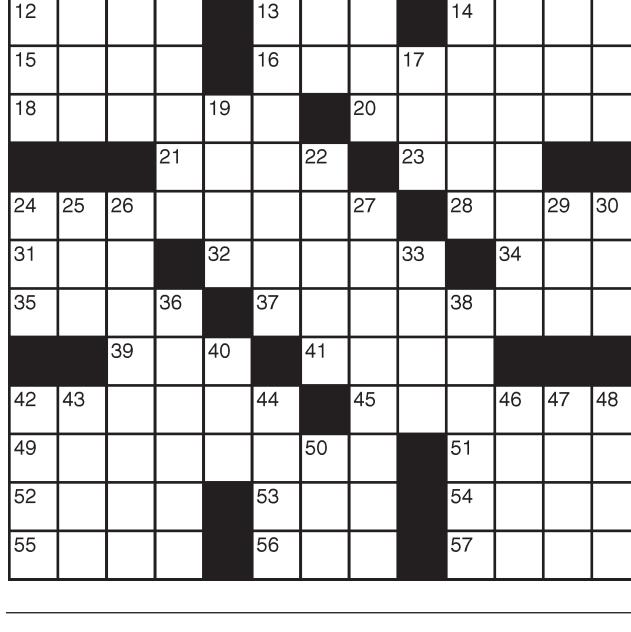
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Saturday's answer 3-2



3-2

CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: MY HOBBY IS COLLECTING ALL DIFFERENT KINDS OF COMPUTER MICE. I REALLY GET A CLICK OUT OF THEM.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals T

THE BLOTTER

ARREST REPORTS

Friday, Feb. 27

Brian Lee Havens, of the 1600 block of Fairchild Avenue, was booked for violating protection orders. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Richard Allen Overcast, of the 1700 block of Hudson Avenue, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Jennifer Carleen Payton, of Wamego, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Reed Allen Wells, of Wichita, was booked for driving under the influence and buying or purchasing alcohol for a minor. Bond was set at \$750.

Isabel Jessica Torkey, of Fort Riley, was booked for driving under the influence. No bond was set.

Saturday, Feb. 28

Hanlin Tang, of the 1400 block of McCain Lane, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Daniel Kirk Dimond, of the 2100 block of Westchester Drive, was booked for aggravated burglary and criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$10,000.

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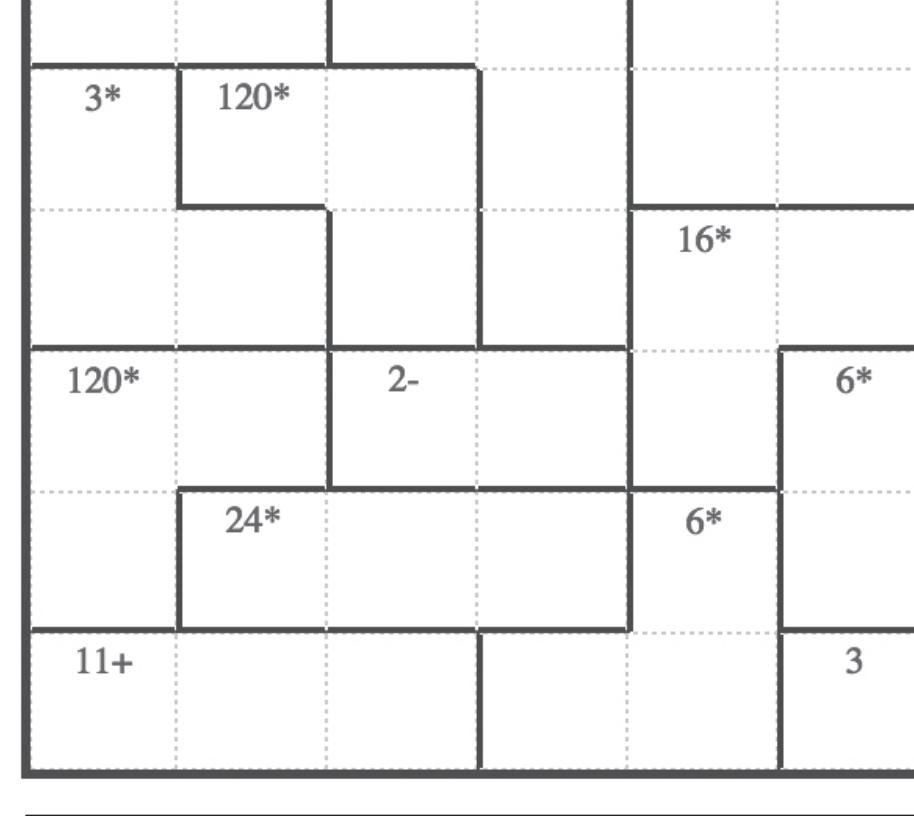
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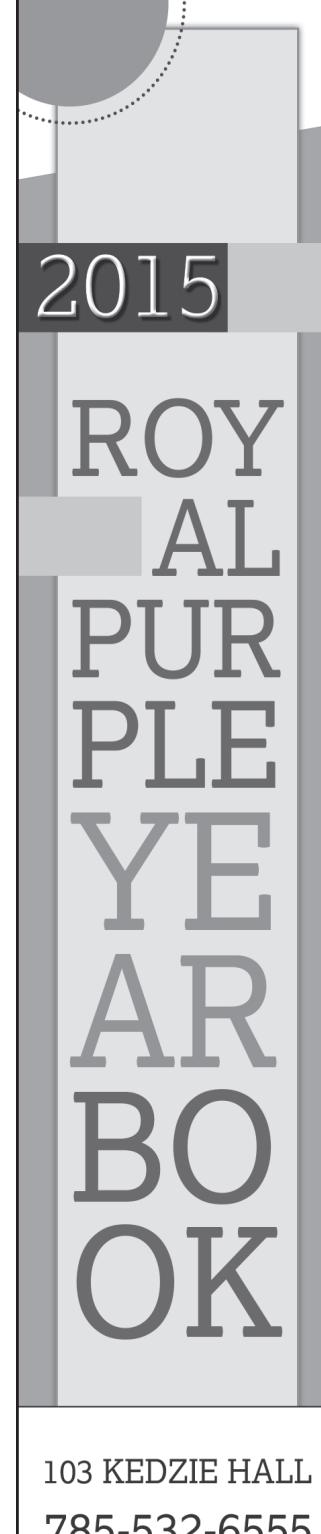


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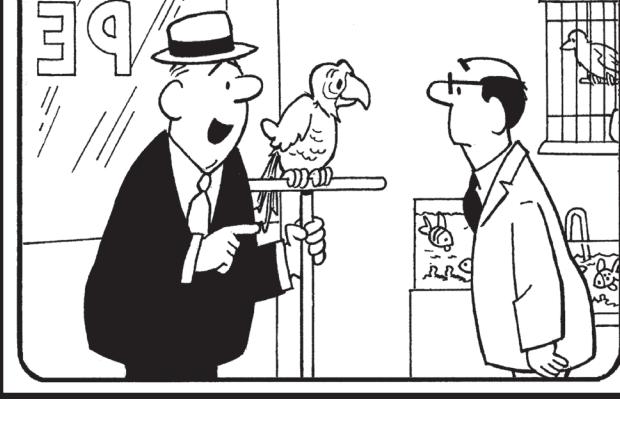
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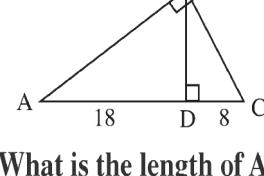


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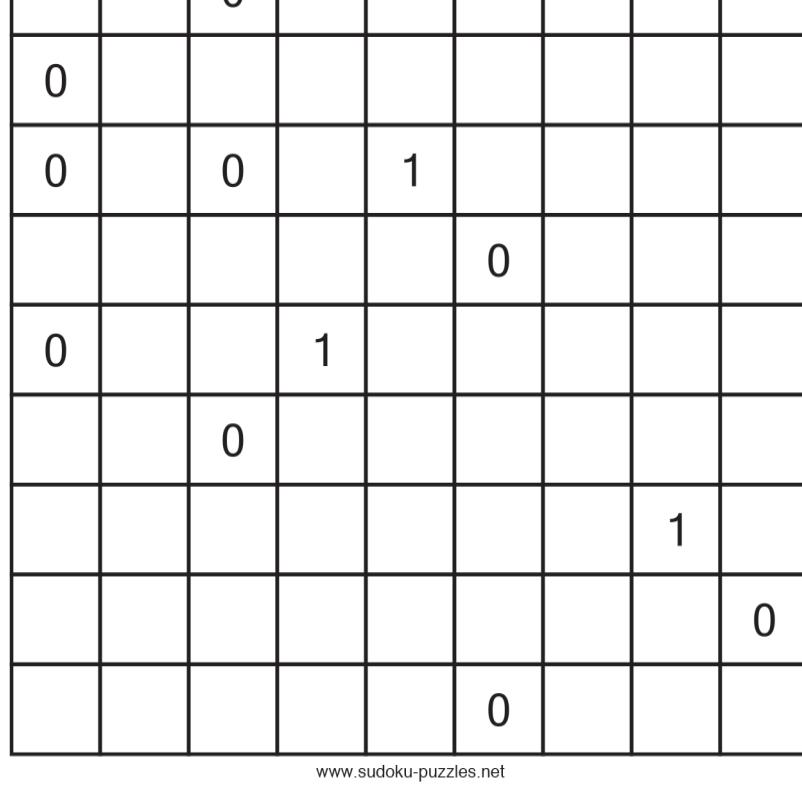
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Kansas' agriculture industry could suffer from more than budget cuts

By JENA ERNSTING
THE COLLEGIAN

While the cuts to the Kansas Department of Agriculture budget are no larger than in other state departments, different changes in legislation and taxation are beginning to hurt Kansas farmers.

Barry Flinchbaugh, professor in agricultural economics, explains that the tax mix – composed of income tax, sales tax and property tax – is changing with the governors' new tax policy and what legislation passed two years ago to shift taxes away from income taxes. The tax basis is changing from income tax to property tax.

"Nobody pays more taxes than farmers, as an industry," Flinchbaugh said.

S-178 is targeting how the

state appraises farm land for tax purposes. In the past, farm land had been appraised based on the income it produces for the agricultural industry. This bill proposes that land be appraised for market value. This is eliminating what has been known as use-value appraisal.

"This (new tax policy) will increase property taxes for farmers probably \$200 million statewide," Flinchbaugh said.

Farmland close to urban areas has a much higher market value than other farmland because it has the potential to be urbanized.

The state implemented use value appraisal in 1989, completely taking fair market value out of the calculation, according to the Kansas Department of Revenue.

According to Flinchbaugh, the push to go back to the old system of market value based

taxes came from the state needing money and the experiment to eliminate income taxes.

When questioned regarding the potential tax changes, the Gov. Sam Brownback's office directed the Kansas State Collegian to Kansas Agriculture Secretary Jackie McClaskey's editorial, "Editorial: Kansas Secretary of Ag. McClaskey on Senate Bill 178."

The editorial said that Gov. Brownback does not support this bill, nor does McClaskey.

Rep. Sydney Carlin, D-Manhattan, said the department of agriculture budget will not be cut more than any other budget. All budgets are being cut by 4 percent in 2015 and by 8 percent in 2016.

Carlin, like Flinchbaugh, is not in favor of the change to market value land appraisal.

"We thought at the time it

was a fair formula, and I still think it is," Carlin said.

Carlin spoke with McClaskey about the 4 percent cut; McClaskey said she will deal with the cuts because she is supposed to. McClaskey explained that one of the problem areas is with high school agricultural education programs.

The department of agriculture has also had to scale back on non-solution and stream bank rebuilding, which is needed to help rebuild and sustain the banks water streams and lakes, Carlin said.

One way the Department of Agriculture is looking at replacing lost funds is by implementing more fees in various places, Carlin said.

Another way to make up for the deficit would be an increase in the cost of water. Tom Sloan, R-Lawrence, introduced H.R. 2014 to establish a clean

drinking water fee.

"A lot of programs and state paid services in the state will be scaled back," Carlin said. "Budgets are not done yet."

John Floros, dean of the College of Agriculture and director of K-State Research and Extension, is examining all the budgets and how the university will handle the 2 percent reduction in funding.

Research and Extension is not funded by the department of agriculture; however, it does receive funds to support the Agricultural Experiment Stations, which are located throughout the state, and the Cooperative of Extension System, which reaches each county.

Floros said they do not know what will be cut until they receive a final notice from the university. The cuts will

mainly impact positions that are not currently filled, and will not be filled again.

"Almost every faculty member we have on faculty teaches, researches and works with extension," Floros said. "All are intermingled."

The opportunity to be involved in experiment stations and extension systems helps to support the nearly 360 faculty members in the five colleges, as well as helps K-State bring more teachers and expertise to students and the university, according to Floros.

The department of agriculture's budget is not being cut any more than other budgets; however, the agriculture industry is being asked to make up a disproportional amount of the shortfall by the changes in appraisal for property tax and the reduction in the budget for higher education.



EVERT NELSON | THE COLLEGIAN

Hay bales sit in a field south of Manhattan during sunset on Feb. 22. A House Bill was introduced recently that would help fill the state's future potential shortfall by placing a fee on clean drinking water.

Gov. Brownback silent as questions arise over FY 2016 education cuts

By JAY WOOFTER
THE COLLEGIAN

After the news that state revenues fell short \$47 million dollars in January, Gov. Sam Brownback announced he will cut funding to public schools and universities to help keep the state from defaulting on its debt when fiscal year 2015 ends in June.

According to the Kansas Division of the Budget, K-12 public schools, through the Department of Education, will see a decrease of 1.5 percent in their budgets, while universities will be cut by 2 percent. Together, these cuts are estimated to save \$44.5 million, which the governor intends to use to help keep the state solvent through 2015's \$344 million budget shortfall.

Even so, the budget for fiscal year 2016 (which begins July 1) is projected to fall short \$600 million.

Many blame the state's budget crisis on the deep income tax cuts the governor issued as a response to the 2007-09 recession. Even members of Brownback's own party are worried about how deep these cuts will go.

"The key thing is that there is a direct cause and effect," Sen. Tom Phillips, R-Manhattan, said. "If state funding to public schools and universities continues to decrease, it's my fear that those cuts will have to be offset by an increase in tuition and user fees. But even more so is the effect it will have on the education of those kids."

The 2 percent reduction of university funding will result in a total \$3.4 million cut to the budget of K-State for the current fiscal year. The administration is currently working on a plan to announce how the cuts will affect the university.

"We are still working on how the recent 2015 budget

cuts announced by the governor will affect our campus, and plan on making a decision and announcing the plan to the campus around the first week of March," Cindy Bontrager, vice president for administration and finance, said.

According to Bontrager, students can be assured that the cuts for this year will not affect tuition rates.

"This particular reduction is one-time and will not impact tuition rates or affect our enrollment," Bontrager said. "We are continuing to monitor the legislature's actions as they are working on the fiscal year 2016 and 2017 budgets."

Though the cuts announced in February will negatively impact the university, it is the uncertainty and fear of deeper cuts for the next fiscal year that has the administration worried.

Reagan Kays, student body president, said he is concerned that the budgets for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 will have an effect on tuition rates.

"My worry is that when we have the budgets for 2016 and 2017 that it will directly affect tuition," Kays said. "Our goal is to keep those rates as low as possible, but the fact is that tuition helps cover what we don't get from the state."

For public schools, the impact of the cuts may be even larger. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, state and local governments contribute to 92 percent of elementary and secondary education budgets. Without the ability to raise fees or tuition, cuts at the K-12 level will directly affect students' education.

Brownback said he believes school districts will be able to work with the Kansas Department of Education to use reserve funding to offset the effects of the cuts.

"The dramatic increase in state education funding

that has occurred over the last four years is unsustainable," Brownback said in a Feb. 5 press release. "School districts are estimated to have approximately \$381 million in reserve fund balances to help them offset the smaller than expected increase in state funding. The Kansas Department of Education should work with school districts to help them with any cash flow challenges that may arise."

Though the department of education does have funds to help school districts deal with the cuts, schools across the state still must find ways to re-

duce their expenditures by the end of the fiscal year. Districts such as USD 383 in Manhattan are working to address the cuts in ways that will have the least impact on student's education.

"What we have started looking at is the operational aspect of everything we do," Robert Shannon, USD 383 superintendent, said. "We are about halfway through the process and no decisions have been made. What we're trying to find are things that won't have that impact on education. I would estimate that we will know by late April or early May."

For fiscal year 2016, school districts are expected to face the challenge of more spending cuts as well as a change in how schools can form their budgets.

"Next year's (budget) hasn't been put together and when it is we don't know the framework of the rules for making the budget; it will change," Shannon said.

There is still a chance that public schools may be able to retain the funds that have been cut from their budgets. In December 2014, a group of school districts filed suit against the governor for letting state

funding of public schools fall below the level required by the Kansas Constitution. The decision has made its way to the Kansas Supreme Court, and if the court's verdict is in favor it could order the government to increase spending on public schools.

When the Governor's office was contacted for comments, the Kansas State Collegian was initially told to call back later to reach Gov. Brownback for comment. Later inquiry resulted in being told the governor was unavailable and that official comments had to come from him.

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Brownback's incompetent planning dug the state of Kansas into a hole



JON PARTON
THE COLLEGIAN

Kansas was \$344 million in the hole. Gov. Sam Brownback's solution? Take money from pensions, road maintenance and education.

Whether or not you support

the cuts, they only stanch the bleeding created by Brownback's fiscal policies. Covering the wound with quick budget cuts, though, doesn't address potential problems in the future. In the next fiscal year, Kansas faces a potential shortfall of almost \$600 million, according to The New York Times.

Brownback cut funding for education by \$44.5 million after January tax income came in \$47.2 million short of original expectations.

In 2012 and 2013, lawmakers slashed personal income taxes on the top earners by 29 percent. They also exempted

281,000 business owners and 53,000 farmers completely from state income taxes, according to The Lawrence Journal-World.

The result has been a fiscal disaster. Instead of receiving more income from taxes, as Brownback promised, the state has received less. Lawmakers found themselves in a no-win situation as they scrambled to find a way to make up for the budget shortfall.

What will happen next year? Will we see another situation where our elected officials fly by the seat of their pants in order to keep the state running?

Cutting from government should be part of a plan rather than a reaction. Hasty decision making has never been our government's strong suit, and it shows in the cuts that were made.

It's too much to hope for the tax cuts to be reversed. Instead, Brownback wants to find new ways to tax Kansans. He proposed to increase the liquor tax from 8 percent to 12 percent and almost triple the tax on cigarettes from 79 cents to \$2.29 a pack.

The so-called "sin tax" shows us more about Brownback's lack of morality. Rather

than make businesses pay their fair share, this governor would prefer the tax burden be shouldered on individuals.

Luckily, the proposal does not seem to have much support in Topeka, according to The Kansas City Star. House Speaker Ray Merrick spoke out against the taxes.

"I don't want to chase the revenue we already do collect on alcohol and tobacco across the state line, which will defeat the purpose of raising taxes on those products in the first place," Merrick said in a written statement.

The worst part of this is

bad planning. Brownback has proven himself to be incompetent when it comes to balancing the budget. As we enter his new term in office, the thought of every Kansan should be, "What gets cut next?"

The views and opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of The Collegian.

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Students shouldn't go to 'sugar daddies' for financial aid



ILLUSTRATION BY TAYLOR SHANKLIN



KELLY IVERSON
THE COLLEGIAN

College is expensive, and tuition rates continue to rise. Students need

money to cover the costs of classes, and minimum wage jobs aren't cutting it. While prostitution may be illegal, that hasn't stopped college students all over the country from taking the handouts of older adults who have money to spend.

The website Seeking Arrangement (created in 2006) is an online dating platform that offers more to its users than just finding a potential companion. Wealthy men, otherwise known as "sugar daddies" sign up in hopes of finding young women, or "sugar babies," in need of financial support. The roles can be reversed as well, as "male sugar babies" can seek "sugar mommas" online. On this website, mutually beneficial relationships are created – but not in the loving, marriage-potential way.

According to a Sept. 29, 2014 CNN article titled, "Dating website founder says love doesn't exist," Seeking Arrangement CEO Brandon Wade initially created the website because he was too shy to approach women in person.

"I had a problem: I finally had the tools to succeed with women, but

lacked the confidence to approach them in public," Wade said in the article.

Wealth and success are the tools to which he is referring. Women have become so objectified with this idea of "sugar babies" that Wade implies that we can simply be bought. This site encourages women to be paid in the twisted form of an escort service to help with bills.

Women are also referred to on the website as trophy wives, or arm candy.

If this isn't demeaning, I'm not sure what is.

College students have the highest growing number of users on the website, according to the company. The list of the top 10 schools where the most college students use the website include NYU, University of Toronto and Penn State. Even

Harvard makes the top 10 list.

Although the website does not specifically promote sex, it is implied that many of the relationships that begin through Seeking Arrangement end in one person receiving sex, and the other getting a fat check in return. This is just a ploy to avoid ever calling this website exactly what it is: prostitution.

Young men and women alike should find a different way to pay for college tuition and debt. Becoming a "sugar baby" is not a viable option, and it is unsafe. You never know who you are agreeing to meet after just viewing someone's profile.

A 2013 study shows that an alarming number of teenage girls are willing and able to meet with strangers they have met on online platforms. Thirty percent of the surveyed girls said they have met with a person

in real life who they had previously spoken to online. Many of the girls had not confirmed the person's identity prior to their meeting.

So many college students struggle financially. Websites like this should not prey upon young people with alternatives (such as an escort service) to alleviate some of these bills. It is disrespectful and demeaning. Working multiple jobs while attending college may sound like a struggle, but no student should have to resort to becoming a "sugar baby."

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Street Talk

compiled by Vail Moshiri

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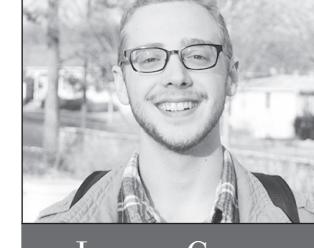
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Budget cuts bring KDOT, Manhattan transportation projects to screeching halt

By KELSEY KENDALL
THE COLLEGIAN

With the 2016-2017 fiscal year budget in the works, budget cuts in certain departments have been a concern. The Department of Transportation is one of the departments facing proposed budget cuts.

According to the Kansas Division of the budget, KDOT was allotted a \$7.8 million decrease in funding for fiscal year 2015, although the amount is subject to legislation changes.

Currently, no projects have been cancelled, but two Manhattan projects have been delayed due to budget cuts. Projects that have already been announced in advance before the proposed cuts are not supposed to be affected.

"A lot of people view (the budget cut) as a short-sighted thing," Theo Stavropoulos, special project coordinator for communications, said.

According to the Kansas Constitution, the state is not allowed to run a deficit. Due to decreased revenue from Brownback's tax cuts, budget cuts in departments such as KDOT may be necessary in order to avoid a

deficit.

In addition to KDOT's cuts, \$95 million from the State Highway fund is to be transferred to the general fund.

"If Gov. Brownback elects to pull funds from the T-WORKS Program to fill in short falls then more projects and programs will be in danger of delays and/or cancellations," Robert Ott, director of public works of Manhattan, said in an email.

According to Ott, there are two projects in Manhattan, the Interchange of K-18 and K-113 and the Corridor Study of K-18 and US-24, that have been delayed until fiscal year 2017. These projects and others are in danger of being canceled if budget cuts continue to happen.

As of now, though, federal funding from the Surface Transportation Program and Special Street and Highway Fund are anticipated to be received on schedule. These funds total \$2 million and generally fund maintenance projects as well as the traffic signal system and intersection and roadway improvements.

Despite concerns of how a reduced budget will affect transportation, KDOT announced in a press release that projects that were scheduled at the begin-



Cars travel on I-70 off McDowell Creek Road on Feb. 22. The interstate stretches from Baltimore, Maryland to Cove Fort, Utah and is often referred to as the backbone of Kansas.

ning of the T-WORKS program will continue as scheduled. The T-WORKS program is a 10-year transportation project that includes preservation and expansion projects.

Steve Schwartz, chief of public affairs of KDOT, said

that the difference between preservation and expansion is that preservation is more in regards to maintenance. Expansions are projects such as adding lanes and interchanges.

"We are confident that even with the reduced budget, we will

meet (our) performance measure goals," Schwartz said.

According to Schwartz, KDOT's performance measures are the conditions Kansas roads are in. Currently, 98 percent of interstate pavements meet performance measure standards,

while 89 percent of non-interstate pavements meet performance measures.

KDOT's goal for the fiscal year 2016, according to Schwartz, is to keep 85 percent of interstate pavements meeting performance measures and 80 percent of non-interstate pavements meeting performance measures. Because of the current percentages, Schwartz said he does not believe the proposed budget cuts will be a problem for KDOT.

"Every year, we know we have to make transfers to other departments," Schwartz said.

KDOT and the highway fund receive funds from the motor fuels tax, portions of sales tax revenue, vehicle registration fees and directly from the government. According to Schwartz, KDOT often makes transfers from the highway fund to other departments because of budget cuts across the board. If the proposed budget cuts are passed, Schwartz said that the department should have no problems dealing with the reduced funds because that is normal for KDOT.

Brownback and his office were unavailable for comment at the time of submission.

Students feast at Shamrock for the children



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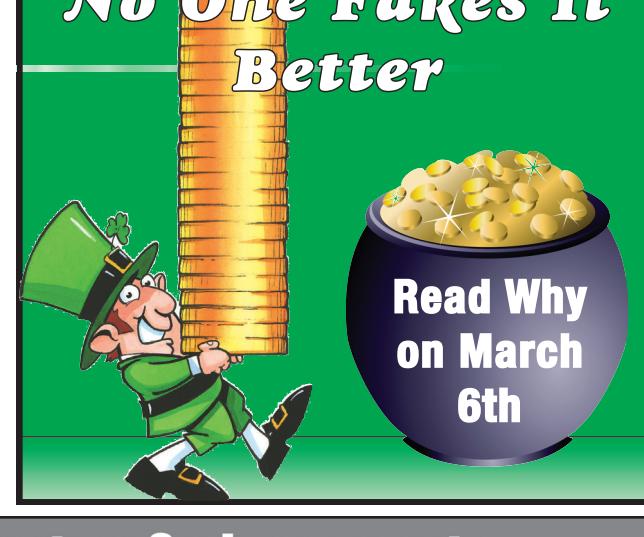
Kappa Delta sorority members manage a crowd of students at their fifth annual Shamrock dinner buffet philanthropy on Sunday. The philanthropy raised funds, awareness for child abuse prevention organizations.



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A line of students spills out of Kappa Delta's 1220 Centennial Drive house, waiting to get their fill of Chipotle, Dominos, Jimmy Johns and more at the sorority's fifth annual Shamrock philanthropy on Sunday. Eighty percent of the proceeds were donated to the Manhattan Crisis Center, while the remaining 20 percent went to Prevent Child Abuse America.

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BUDGET | Farmers may face increase in property taxes as result of shortfall

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The Kansas Department of Agriculture is experiencing the same 4 percent budget cut as all other departments for the 2015 fiscal year, equaling a loss of \$199,668, according to the Kansas Division of Administration.

In future years, though, Kansas farmers could be more severely impacted financially by property taxes and the removal of tax exemptions on farm equipment. This would happen if Kansas legislators pass bills such as S-178. If

S-178 passes, average farm land valuations would increase by an estimated average of 473 percent, according to the Kansas Department of Revenues.

"I don't think (the tax bills) will pass, but I didn't think the income tax cuts would pass either," Hawk said. "If they increase the ag land property tax, it's going to put many farmers out of business."

In order to make up for the general cuts, many state programs (such as agriculture education within schools) are being eliminated. Water, too, could see a tax increase of 10

cents per 1,000 gallons, according to Rep. Sydney Carlin, D-Pottawatomie and Riley County.

"The water tax would be a good resource, but would get swept into the general fund to pay the bills (rather than going into agriculture)," Carlin said. "We're in dire times – this may be the only time we've had this much trouble. Our ag programs are down to thin lines on paper or are gone."

The Kansas Department of Transportation is seeing a projected cut of \$7.8 million for the end of the 2015 fiscal year,

according to the Department of Administration. These cuts will not affect previously-announced projects, but could delay smaller construction plans such as renovations to older rural bridges.

Additionally, over \$95 million of the State Highway Fund is being transferred to the general fund.

Sen. Molly Baumgardner, R-Johnson/Miami County, said she is concerned about how the cuts to transportation will affect Highway 68, which is in need of expansion to decrease fatalities. That being said,

Baumgardner noted the project will take a long time to get rolling even if the cuts weren't happening.

"Even if the budget transfers hadn't occurred, Highway 68 still would not have four lanes; (the project would) take two (to) three years from start to finish," Baumgardner said.

Baumgardner is also concerned with funds being used differently than how they are allotted, particularly within education. For instance, even though \$129 million of public school funding was agreed upon, only \$66 million actually

went out, she said.

"I know (legislators) are spending time on the issue trying to figure out where the money is being spent," Baumgardner said. "I think you're going to see some real changes as focus occurs."

Several Kansas State Collegian reporters attempted to reach the governor's office for comment, but were met with varied success; they were either told Gov. Brownback was not available for official comment, or were directed toward previously-released statements to have their questions answered.

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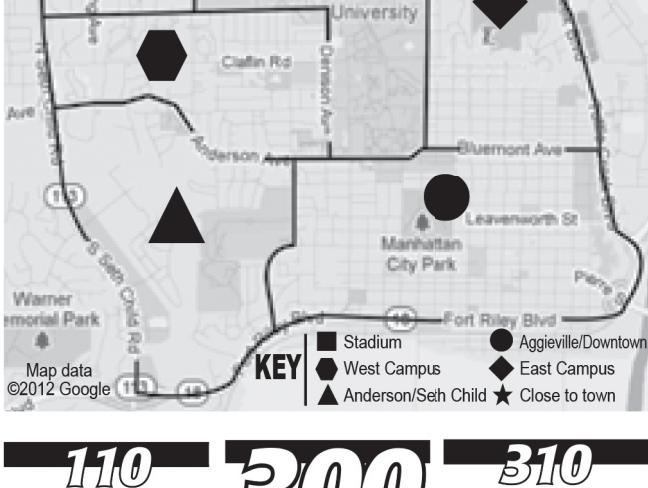
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K-State rides to upset victory over No.1 Baylor

EQUESTRIAN

BY ANDREW HAMMOND
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There are days in sports where everything seems to click for a team. For the K-State equestrian squad, Saturday was one of those days and much more.

In the final match of the regular season, the Wildcats upset the No.1-ranked Baylor Bears 10-9 at Timbercreek Stables. The win marked the 18th-straight victory at home and seventh home win this season to clinch an un-

CASSANDRA NGUYEN | THE COLLEGIAN
Sophomore hunter seat **Henley Adkins** rides Romeo at the K-State vs. Baylor equestrian meet on Saturday at Timbercreek Stables. The Wildcats had a 10-9 victory against No. 1 Bears.

defeated home record for the 2014-15 season.

"Our confidence was boosted from that win and being back at home," K-State head coach Casie Maxwell said to K-State Sports. "We had a great crowd out here today. It was really high energy and kept the girls motivated. The cheering started off with screaming and continued at that pace all day long."

Five seniors were honored for their accomplishments Saturday. It was a junior and sophomore, however, who stole the show and achieved Most Outstanding Performance awards.

Sophomore Henley Adkins earned a 83-69 victory over Baylor's Jenny Mitchell in Equitation on the Flat. Junior Nicholle Hatton edged Baylor's Mary Brown 71.5-69 in Reining.

The next competition for the Wildcats will be at the Big 12 Championships on March 27-28 in Fort Worth, Texas.

K-State crowns two, makes history at Big 12 Indoor Championships



TRACK AND FIELD

BY EMILIO RIVERA
THE COLLEGIAN

The No. 6 K-State women's track and field team came within seven points of bringing home a Big 12 Indoor Championship this past weekend in Ames, Iowa. Instead, they made history with a silver medal as a team – the highest finish in school history – and two individual first-place finishes.

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Junior cross-country/mid-distance runner **Sonia Gaskin** runs down the final stretch to take the win in the women's 600-yard run at the K-State Open track and field meet Feb. 20 in Ahearn Field House. Gaskin set a school record for the fastest time in the event on an oversized track with her second-place finish of 1:19.46.

The men's team, meanwhile, finished in ninth place with 43 points, 97 points behind the Texas Longhorns, who swept both the men's and women's championships.

In the women's high jump event, the Wildcats swept the top three spots, with sophomore Kim Williamson winning her first-ever Big 12 title. Junior Akela Jones and senior Alyx Treasure, who each cleared 1.84 meters, rounded out the event finishing second and third, respectively.

Williamson secured high jump by narrowly edging out Jones and Treasure by .03 meters with a personal-best 1.87 meter jump.

Also securing her first Big 12 Championship was junior thrower Dani Winters, who captured the gold medal by less than a meter. She has now won the event in three-straight meets and four meets overall on the indoor season.

Winters finished sixth in the same event at the indoor championships a season ago. This time around, she beat her mark by 1.25 meters, which is just over a 4-foot improvement.

The women also saw multiple athletes break school records at the meet. Freshman sprinter A'Keyla Mitchell and junior sprinter Sonia Gaskin broke records in the 200-meter and 600-yard events, respectively.

Jones also broke the school record in the 60-meter hurdle event. She was honored by the conference at the conclusion of the meet as the highest-point scorer with 24 points.

For the men, freshman NaTron Gipson shined with a second-place finish in the high jump event. Gipson nearly upset the No. 1 high jumper in the country, Texas Tech Senior Jacob Duffield.

Gipson and Duffield were the only two competitors to make it past the 2.22 meter mark before faulting three times at 2.25 meters. Gipson was relegated to second place because of his single fault in the 2.22 meter height, with Duffield jumping the height without a single fault.

Wildcats ice cold from the floor in 67-47 loss to Horned Frogs

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

BY LIZ HEATH
THE COLLEGIAN

Earlier in the season against TCU, the K-State women's basketball team surpassed their season scoring average at halftime and then some in an offensive outburst that nearly finished with the Wildcats eclipsing the 100-point mark for the first time in almost a decade.

K-State hoped to repeat that performance in Fort Worth, Texas Saturday as head coach Jeff Mittie returned to face his former team for the first time.

TCU, however, had other ideas.

The Horned Frogs held K-State to just 16 points in the first half on seven-made field goals en route to a 67-47 blowout.

Thirty seconds into the game, TCU junior guard Zahnia Medley made her first 3-point shot of the afternoon and never looked back. Medley led TCU on a 14-4 run to start the game, connecting on three 3-point shots. She went on to score a team-high 18 points on 6-9 shooting in the victory.

K-State was kept alive offensively by sophomore forward Breanna Lewis and senior guard Ashia Woods. The two combined for 10 of K-State's 16 first-half points, but combined for just three points in the second half as TCU pulled ahead.

The closest the Wildcats would come to the Horned Frogs was 13 points in the beginning of the second half. The Horned Frogs pulled away with a 10-0 run midway through the second half.

TCU shot 54.8 percent from the field in the win and 63.2 percent from 3-point range. The Horned Frogs came into the contest ranked third in the Big 12 in scoring offense (69.5 points per game), second in field goal percentage (.432) and first in 3-point percentage (.376).

K-State shot just 30.8 percent from the field and 15.4 percent from 3-point range. Not a single Wildcat finished in double-figures and



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Senior guard **Ashia Woods** tries to make her way through Oklahoma senior guard **Sharane Campbell-Olds** during the second half of the K-State vs. Oklahoma Women's Basketball game on Feb. 21 at Bramlage Coliseum. The Wildcats were led by No. 22 sophomore forward Breanna Lewis with eight boards on the night, but the team suffered a loss of 73-64 against No. 2 Oklahoma.

Lewis, who holds the school record for the most blocks in the single season, ended the game without a blocked shot for the first time all season.

It was senior night in Fort Worth, and TCU's seniors stepped up. Guards Natalie Ventress and Donielle Breaux combined for 18 points. Ventress shot 3-5 from 3-point range. Forward Chelsea Prince had five steals.

The Horned Frogs now lead the all-time series 4-3 against the Wildcats. K-State fell to 16-12 overall and 6-11 in conference play, while TCU improved to 17-11 and 9-8 in the conference.

K-State will take on West Virginia at home on Tuesday in the final game of the regular season. Tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Bramlage Coliseum.

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